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IN BRIEF

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IN QUOTES

"I don't know how he got there through all the snow."

Joe Graham
on his lost puppy.
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Bylaw to restrict roadside signs

Rule comes into effect 2013 on all county roads

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has concerns that upcoming changes to the county's sign bylaw may have negative effects for area businesses.

While county council passed them in 2008, the changes will not come into effect until 2013, following a five-year grace period.

"At this point in time, we don't have any issue," said Maria Micallef, the chamber's administrative coordinator.

However, when the new bylaw comes into effect in three years time, Micallef said she wonders what this will mean for businesses that advertise along county roads and a survey recently put out to

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Kid hero

Grade 8 student Alnoor Gowani was nominated by his school principal for the Junior Citizen of the Year Award. Alnoor saved the life of a 30-year-old man this summer by pulling him from the lake. Story page 4.

MP aide denies global warming

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

When Carnarvon resident Doug Smith heard that a staff member for Conservative MP Barry Devolin was publicly denying global warming at the same time as climate change talks in Copenhagen were failing, he saw no coincidence.

In fact, Smith, an environmentalist and former provincial Green Party candidate, thought it was these types of views from within the Conservative party that were derailing talks in Denmark to rein in global carbon emissions. He had to do something about it.

So, on Dec. 18, he got his tape recorder ready, took a few deep breaths and called Devolin's office, asking to speak to the office worker named Peter Taylor who had made the claims.

What Smith heard so shocked

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Hydro One turns on lights

Hydro One has provided a \$10,000 PowerPlay grant to the township of Algonquin Highlands to help provide new lighting for the ice rink in Stanhope municipal park.

Hydro One helps fund a variety of projects involving youth and recreation activities in the communities served by Hydro One. Through the PowerPlay program, the company has provided grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 to help

support nearly 200 community recreational projects.

“We believe it is important to continue to invest in Hydro One communities through our PowerPlay grants program,” said Laura Formosa, president and CEO, Hydro One. “Hydro One’s support for skating rinks, baseball diamonds, and other recreational infrastructure recognizes that such recreational facilities are vital to the health and well-being of our children and contribute to the success of communities.”

“This contribution from Hydro One is significant in making this project a reality and providing an opportunity for fun and fitness for our community,” said Eleanor Harrison, reeve of Algonquin Highlands township.

The PowerPlay program is open to municipalities and registered charities in Hydro One-served communities. The program offers grants up to \$25,000 for new facilities and renovation of existing facilities that are open and accessible to the community at large. Additional funding may be available where energy efficiency measures are incorporated into the project. The next application deadline is Jan. 31.

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Six feet of snow for Minden

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

Remember November? It was a fair month with no snow, but we certainly had to pay for it last month! December seemed to have unlimited snow. The ice situation on the lakes is very dubious.

Average High: -1.9°C, 30°F
Average Low: -10.0°C, 14°F
Average for the Month: -5.4°C, 22.2°F
Average for last December: -6.1°C, 21.0°F
Highest Temperature, December 2: 9.0°C, 48.2°F
Lowest Temperature, December 18: -25.0°C, -13.0°F
Rain: 56.5 mm, 2.2 in
Snow: 153 cm, 6 ft
Total Precipitation: 209.5 mm, 8.2 in
Total Precipitation for last December: 148.4 mm, 5.8 in
Days mostly Sunny: 8
Days with Rain or Snow: 18
Snow on Ground as of December 31: 42 cm
Snow on Ground as of last December 31: 38 cm

See Inside

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- What do you do if you fall through the ice?
- County card scores

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Singing in the new year



Calling all artists

Call for entry for the Home Sweet Home Members' Salon Exhibition

Deadline: Sunday, Jan. 16, 4 p.m.
Exhibition dates: Jan. 23 to Feb. 20
Opening reception: Saturday, Jan. 23 2 to 4 p.m.

Way back in 1823 John Howard Payne wrote the lyrics, "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home" and those words still ring true in Haliburton County, a place we know and love!

Ruth Edd Gallery and Arts Centre invites artists working in all media to take part in a group exhibition that takes its theme from the title, "Home Sweet Home". Entry is open to all members of the Ruth Edd, a public art gallery dedicated to bringing art to life in Haliburton. New members welcome (627-4441/10 members).

Once again, the People's Choice Award will be determined by popular vote and awarded at the end of the exhibition to the artist who garners the top number of votes cast by gallery guests every time they visit.

The Disco Band Fever played out 2009 and sung in 2010 at McKee's Blue Line on Dec. 31. The lead vocals were Les McKeen, Les McKeen and Christine McKeen. See more photos on the Times website at page 8.

Free in your mailboxes on Thursday...

This week's Weekender:

- Maybe it's not the common cold
- Comfort foods that don't spoil your waistline
- What do you do if you fall through the ice?
- Cards scores, bowling scores

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Local businesses go to Toronto Boat Show

Getting into boating is easy at the 52nd annual Toronto International Boat Show. From Jan. 9 to 17, hourly seminars will be offered to entertain, educate and inspire novice and experienced boaters alike. Boating experts from throughout the world will offer Toronto Boat Show visitors everything

from boating basics to spellbinding boating adventures.

“Boating enthusiasts of all types can attend dozens of daily free seminars that touch upon every boating subject imaginable,” said Cynthia Hare, show manager. “New boaters can learn about practical things like tying knots while experienced enthusiasts can find out what it takes to cruise the Pacific Northwest or The Great Loop. And those just looking to be fascinated can listen to tales of adventure, including how two marines went 1400 miles through the Northwest Passage in an open boat.”

Many local businesses are appearing at the Boat Show this year: 1867 Confederation Log Homes, BoatSmart! Canada, Bryson’s Marine, Buckeye Marine, DockinaBox, Fenelon Falls Marina, Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, Prentice Power Sports, Walsten Marina and Wedgewood Marine and Recreation.

For more information on the Toronto Boat Show go to their website www.torontoboatshow.com.



TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

Reeve's Message

On behalf of Council and Staff of the Township of Minden Hills, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! Two Thousand and Nine is going to be hard year to follow with all of the wonderful funding projects underway, our Sesquicentennial year-round birthday party celebrated throughout the year, a celebration of our volunteers and the snow storm of the Century! What a banner year!

Special thanks and appreciation goes to the Minden Sesquicentennial Committee for their hard work and endurance throughout the whole year. The Committee did a tremendous job, the driving-force team and the volunteers that assisted them. This community would not be what it is without the passion and endurance of our volunteers; there are so many people to thank.

Please have a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

Reeve Jim McMahon

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Isaiah, a six-month-old Jack Russell, went missing from his home near Lochlin shortly before Christmas, was found nearly a week later after having survived treacherous winter conditions.
/Photo by Chad Ingram

Missing dog returns home just in time for Christmas

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Some may call it a Christmas miracle.

Others may think of it as survival of the fittest.

Whatever it may be called, Joe Graham was overjoyed when his six-month-old Jack Russell, Isaiah, was found after being out in the cold for nearly seven days.

It all started when Graham's two dogs, Isaiah and a 12-year-old beagle named Cracker, escaped from their kennel on Dec. 14. It wasn't even 10 minutes later when Graham realized they were gone and began calling out for them. To his dismay, neither returned to their home.

"I was out looking for them until 4:30 in the morning on that Tuesday," says Graham, "and I just couldn't find them."

Even though Graham lives just outside of Lochlin, he did not let the towering snow banks or below-freezing weather discourage him. After spending the next few days papering the town with flyers describing his

beloved lost dogs, Graham was rewarded with a Christmas present come early in the form of a returned Jack Russell.

"Isaiah ended up down at Stan Russell's, which is about two to three kilometres down through the bush," explains Graham. "I don't know how he got there through all the snow."

Russell, who according to Graham had been snowed in at his own residence for a few days, wasn't even aware that the dogs were lost.

"They heard what they figured was a dog howling at the other end of the bush," says Graham, "and there they found my little dog. I don't know how he made his way through there and survived but he did."

According to Russell however, there was more to the story.

"After the big snowstorm we were trapped in our house for days without hydro," explains Russell. "We could hear howling from the Monday before but we just assumed it was a wolf puppy. When the howling persisted for a few days my girls were like 'Daddy you have to

save the puppy,' so I put on my chest waders and went through the river to see what it was."

There deep in the snow by the water Russell found Isaiah, which as he puts it, was a Christmas miracle.

"It was unbelievable," he says. "Even my daughter was saying you know dad this is like a movie, the miracle puppy who made it home for Christmas."

Because of the storm, and the forced house arrest that followed, Russell wasn't even aware that the dog was missing, or whom it belonged to.

"Everyone got a missing dog poster but us," laughs Russell. "I called George Farrell to see if the dog belonged to him because he owns some Jack Russells. He called me back within a few days and told me it belonged to Joe, who I've been friends with for many years."

For Russell and his family, the dog was more than just a miracle.

"I mean we were trapped in our house for six days," explains Russell. "This dog, which we found on day four, was like

a light during the midst of the darkness."

After Isaiah was rescued he was bathed and well taken care of by his foster family before being returned on Dec. 21.

"He did have a bit of frostbite on him but we were able to get him back to good health," says Graham. "We called the vet and fed him lots to eat and he bounced back pretty good. He's one tough little dog."

Graham's other dog Cracker, the beagle, has yet to be found.

"We still have flyers all over," says Graham. "Both dogs didn't have a collar on and that was a part of the problem, even when Isaiah was found."

Graham is still holding out for Cracker's return but knows that age and weather conditions could have already played a part in the canine's fate.

"Cracker was getting up there in age," says Graham. "So he could have had a heart attack or something. But I have called the humane societies around the area because I won't give up hope. I would like to have him back as well of course."

Sian Cox wins trip to Minden, Germany

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Local photographer and contributor to this publication, Sian Cox, has won a trip to Minden.

Minden, Germany, that is.

Cox was the winner of the grand prize in the Minden sesquicentennial committee's Spoil Me Lottery on New Year's Eve, bringing to an end eight months of prizes from the lottery, which was a fundraiser for the committee.

"I didn't even know about the ticket," Cox said, explaining that her husband Rick had purchased one and put her name on it. "Rick had planned to surprise me with whatever prize, if the ticket was drawn. He'd bought it back in April, so he'd given up on winning anything."

Cox said she imagines she and her husband will take their one-week excursion sometime between May and July of this year.

While she travelled to the United Kingdom as a teenager and has done some driving tours of Canada and the United States, this will be Cox's first visit to continental Europe.

"I'm looking forward to seeing a part of the world I've never seen," she said. "I've started reading up on Germany's geography and history and can hardly wait to get there."

Minden's namesake, the city is located in northwest Germany. Likely settled during the Dark Ages, it's full of centuries-old architecture, which should suit Cox just fine.

"I'm looking forward to photographing our journey," she said.

The lottery's other prizes included a number of gift certificates and passes to local businesses and events and proceeds helped to fund the several sesquicentennial events that took place in Minden throughout 2009.

Mindenite recognized for bravery

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

When 13-year-old Alnoor Gowani pulled a drowning man from the Gull River last August, his selfless actions earned him the admiration of the community and a pat on the back from the local OPP division.

Now, for his bravery, Alnoor is one of 130 youths across the province nominated for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards.

The awards are given out each year to individuals between the ages of six and 17 who make outstanding contributions to their communities, whether it be performing some kind of community service, contributing to the community while living with some kind of disability or, as in Alnoor's case, performing an act of heroism.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Joan Harpell and teachers Elizabeth Bloomfield and Teressa Bird nominated Alnoor for the awards.

"Alnoor saved a life while putting himself in danger," Harpell wrote on the awards application form. "Alnoor is a friendly and outgoing student who takes

great interest in others. His decision to jump in and save a life was probably inspired by this."

Alnoor was playing with a friend near the Gull River on the evening of Aug. 14 when he saw a man in obvious distress in the water. The 30-year-old had a small floatation device that was too small to sustain his body weight and was flailing around in the river, trying to yell for help.

Alnoor dove in, calling for help as he swam to the man. He grabbed him by his hand, told him to kick his feet and dragged him to shore.

"He used his head," Harpell said earlier this week as Alnoor, now in Grade 8, received a certificate for his nomination.

Beaming with pride, Alnoor was happy to show off his certificate to passing teachers.

"I'm happy," he said. "When my mom first told me, I was surprised I was even nominated."

The winners of this year's awards will be announced on Jan. 22. There can be up to 12 winners.

The awards are sponsored by TD Canada Trust and Direct Energy and are co-ordinated by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 8 student Alnoor Gowani has been nominated for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards. Gowani saved the life of a man drowning in the Gull River last August.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Notice of Registration for Semester 2 for New Students

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Valerie Smith
- TLDSB Chairperson

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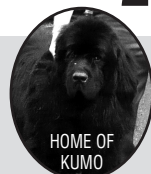
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Agricultural society to upgrade food booth at fairgrounds

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The food booth at Minden's fairgrounds is about to get super-sized.

The Minden Agricultural Society, the organizing body for the Haliburton County Fair, recently learned that it would be receiving a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the renovation of the booth.

Since the project has yet to be tendered, society first vice president Neil Miesenheimer said he was apprehensive about making the amount public, but the grant is a sizable one, worth tens of thousands of dollars.

"It's the first big grant we've got," Miesenheimer said, adding that the society had applied for the grant some time ago.

As for the need for the renovations, Miesenheimer said they've been a while coming.

"It's totally outdated," he said of the booth, which was built in the early 1960s.

"It's harder and harder to keep up with health code regulations, because it's so old."

Not only will the renovation of the booth double its size to more than 800 square feet, it will also outfit it with new amenities including a restaurant-sized commercial stove, new working tables and, for the first time, a heating system.

"It was very hard before for the Kin Club to work at their winter activities," Miesenheimer said, explaining that during the club's annual ice races, volunteering at the food booth meant cooking in the cold.

The Minden Kin Club partnered with the society on the grant application and will be helping out with the in-kind labour, which is a requirement of the grant.

"We all worked together," said society secretary Mary Minto.

The renovation will also entail outfitting the booth with pine siding to give the appearance that it's constructed of timbers, as well as the addition of dormer windows, for a more rustic look.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Minden Agricultural Society secretary Mary Minto and first vice president Neil Miesenheimer are excited that a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will allow the society to renovate the snack booth at the fairgrounds.

"We haven't actually got the final plans in our hands yet," Miesenheimer said.

Minto and Miesenheimer said they are hoping to get construction underway as soon as the weather permits. The society is also still looking for contractors to put in bids on the job and Minto can be reached at 854-0335.

Ideally, the renovations are to be completed in time for the annual spring truck pull in June.

While the buildings on the site are owned and operated by the society, the fairgrounds themselves are owned by Minden Hills township.

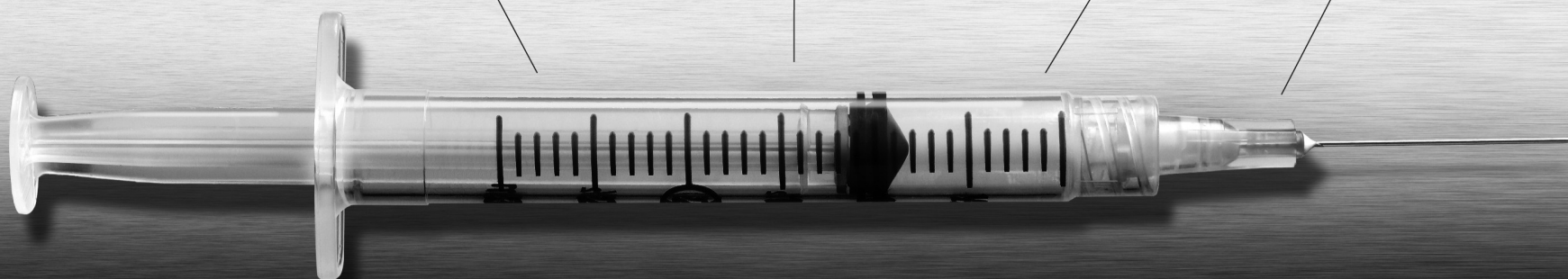
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Foul play

ALL CANADIANS, regardless of political stripe, should be concerned about Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision to prorogue Parliament until March.

Actually, we should all be angry about it.

In what seems to be becoming a Christmastime tradition for our chief politician, last week, for the second consecutive year, Harper requested that Governor General Michaëlle Jean prorogue parliament for the winter.

Being the useless puppet that any good governor general is, Jean of course acquiesced to his request.

Just so we're all on the same page, prorogation – an unfortunate and outdated term – means a complete suspension of Parliament. Not only do discussions in the House of Commons cease, but legislation that has not yet become law is killed, forced to start the process all over again once a new parliamentary session begins.

Why should we be upset?

For starters, there is no justified reason. While the lame excuse of taking a break for the Olympics has been batted around, to any keen political observer it would appear that Harper's course of action is an attempt to take heat off his government in what is becoming an increasingly controversial situation dealing with the treatment of Afghan detainees.

The second reason Canadians should be cranky about the prorogation is that it is just poor practice. It's a cheap move by Harper that constitutes an abuse of power on his part and we deserve better treatment from our leaders. While a government spokesperson recently called prorogation "routine," noting that a number of governments have used it in the past, that spokesperson failed to mention that in most cases where prorogation is used, it's because a government has completed all the objectives it laid out for that parliamentary session.

Harper's government is nowhere near this.

Our prime minister is akin to the bratty kid down the street, the one who used to pack up all his toys and run crying home to his mother when things didn't go his way.

The third reason why we should be angry about the prorogation – and this is the kicker – is that it means that our MPs are not working.

Yes, they will all still insist they are working, as they are out shaking hands and kissing babies and performing other publicity stunts that any coherent chimp could be trained to do, but let's be serious folks.

MPs are doing their real work when they are in the House of Commons, discussing, debating and voting on legislation. This is what we pay for them for.

The prorogation means a two-month vacation for our MPs, not many of who, I'm guessing, are going to donate two months' worth of their salary back to the taxpayer.

So, no matter how well Canada performs at the Olympics, we all lose.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Frozen forest

Photo by Tim Tofflemire, toffphoto.ca

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Praise for sesqui committeee

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Minden Hills sesquicentennial committee, we extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the celebration of this community's 150th anniversary a year-long success. Throughout the year, various groups, organizations, businesses and individuals participated in the celebration either through organizing, sponsoring or attending the many "sesqui" events. It was a delight to see the community embrace the concept and come alive with pride in celebration of this significant moment in our history. We are pleased to learn that some of the unique events held this past year, and the momentum generated within the community, will continue into 2010 and beyond. That is the best legacy this

committee could have.

Long before the start of 2009, with the support of the Minden Hills council, individuals interested in making Minden's anniversary a special occasion gathered to make plans, co-ordinate events and solve the myriad problems associated with such a broad undertaking. We were fortunate to have attracted an enthusiastic, hard-working and dedicated group to share the burden and generate the excitement such a celebration requires. Our sincerest thanks to the members of the sesquicentennial committee for all their efforts on behalf of the community. Minden is a richer place because of your hard work.

Jeanne Anthon, Jack Brezina,
Co-chairs, Minden Hills
sesquicentennial committee

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

The lesser-known trials of Chief Joseph

CHIEF JOSEPH, the great Nez Percé warrior, is legendary not just for his noble actions and dignity, but also for his incredible, powerful oratory. This was the man who was responsible for comments such as, "It does not take many words to tell the truth," and "Treat all men alike. Give them the same law. Give them an even chance to live and grow." But perhaps his most well-known statement was, "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

All this is good, but it recently occurred to me that his reputation for saying incredibly poignant and meaningful things must have been quite difficult to live with.

Take the simple act of dining with his wife.

"Chief Joseph?"

"Yes dear."

"How do you like your dinner?"

"It's good."

"That's it?"

"Yes, uh, really good. Love the gravy." "Oh ...," she says with a disappointed sigh, as she rolls her eyes.

You just know that, at this point, Joseph had a tough decision to make. Either come up with some moving oratory to describe the broccoli sauce and fried chicken, or risk an all-out battle with his wife.

Since history records him as essentially a peace-loving man, I suppose he'd end up turning to her and saying something like: "From the time I was a boy with my heart soaring as I rode a spirited wild pony through sage covered valleys and the canyons of the mule deer, I have never had chicken so delightful. I mean that, truly. And though my ancestors, particularly my mother and grandmother, were noted for a broccoli cheese sauce

which made birds sing with joy from upon the highest hilltops, this sauce, which flows like a trout stream from the grass-covered

hills in spring in the country of my fathers, does my spirit good and is delicious. Do I detect a hint of dry mustard?"

"Thank you," his wife would then say, catastrophe barely averted. "Wait until you see what I have made for dessert."

As you can clearly see, day-to-day existence could not have been easy for such a famous man. I mean, you come up with a great saying or incredibly sage observation at the right time while in the company of the important people of the era and, if you're lucky, another passage about you is etched into soon-to-be-forgotten history books. But burp, just

once, in front of your wife and several of her friends and she'll never let you hear the end of it.

I suppose this is a good thing. Those people who know you best also keep you grounded and humble. And being able to maintain humility is also one of the true signs of greatness. Not to brag but I'm fantastic at this.

Between you and me, reading and writing about great people like Chief Joseph make you truly think about what true greatness really is. It takes courage, strength, integrity and above all the creativity to do things your own way and be a leader. You can't just mimic the actions of those before you and expect to fool people.

So, I'll conclude by saying, from where the sun now stands, I will write no more forever. Or until next week, whichever comes first.

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Steve Galea

A blizzard in lamplight

WANT TO COME ALONG with me? Better bring a snow shovel! Like Joe Btfsplk in the old Lil' Abner comic strip, I travel from place to place with a dark rain cloud over my head, except my rain cloud contains snow.

Usually not that much snow up there, actually. If I stand in one place for a moment, soon enough the cloud will be almost empty and I'll be knee-deep in the white stuff.

Travelling from place to place in a bachelor's annual round of holiday family visits, freeloads with The Brown Dog Jiggs, winter tags along. Hovers over me, to be precise, and then drops its load on me.

The Brown Dog and I leave a splendid New Year's Eve salon on Horseshoe Lake Road well before the witching hour. Old Man Winter may be already in his cups for there is no RIDE program for winter.

Or maybe he has slept in, for he barely has time to toss one of those white blankets over the proceedings that blurs the boundary between road and ditch. The old geezer laughs

and laughs and laughs at me.

For Winter is an old geezer, a crabby old reprobate with whom Mother Nature in her fecund phase will rarely allow herself to be seen. Perhaps she heads for Panama City in December.

She leaves behind her instructions to swaddle us in snowdrifts just before Christmas but she lets her white-tousled seasonal department head do her dirty work.

Winter has become an embarrassment to corporate Nature. He has become a stalker, looking over my shoulder and giggling at the fright he gives me in Owen Sound and the pranks he plays for my pleasure in the Niagara banana belt, dropping one last drop of trepidation, pulling a snowy curtain over my final lap home from Orillia.

Through Orillia four times in December,

up the hills and down the dales of the Horseshoe Valley twice, and yet I stay out of ditches – no 360s for me. I leave rollovers to editors.

But all of this is overture and then curtain

call to upscale Niagara.

There might have been eight inches of snow in the neighbourhood where I stay, eight inches of fluff you might sweep away with a stiff broom, the kind of snowfall that makes The Brown Jiggs do a jig on Sapsucker mornings.

But Niagara revels in it. Radio preaches doom, or at the very least, catastrophe. Yeomen wheel out snow blowers for driveways barely long enough to turn them around.

The thermometer plunges perilously close to zero on the old scale, but a man down the

street has his pickup truck plugged in against the danger. A snowmobile roars down a street in snow almost too shallow to leave a track.

"There is a lot of snow," proclaims an old man tottering with age, and then pushes his scraper the length of his driveway and has almost enough to scoop and fling.

A warm glow oozes out of bay windows, backlights big flakes drifting down, condenses three dimensions into one, makes a visual blizzard out of a few flurries, paints suburban night into a Krieghoffian dream.

There should be Clydesdales jingling with sleigh bells and families swathed in fur robes. Snow muffles noise, softens shapes, and you step out into a blurred suburban world with the sound turned down.

It is the stuff of postcards but suburbia glances out its windows at it for only a moment and then turns its back on the night for a football game in Dallas. That's entertainment!

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Community Radio Association and SIRCH share in \$68,300 funding

Three projects get the nod for the New Horizons grant

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and the Honourable Marjory LeBreton, leader of the government in the senate and Secretary of State (Seniors), announced \$68,300 in funding for three projects through the government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP).

The successful applicants are as follows:

- Community Care of the City of Kawartha Lakes - funding in the amount of \$25,000. The money will be used for their Celebrating a Quarter Century of Caring Volunteers Program. Seniors will

plan and hold events to promote the importance of volunteering in the community of Kawartha Lakes, thereby reducing the risk of isolation.

- Haliburton County Community Radio Association - funding in the amount of \$18,300 for a Seniors Hour on Canoe-FM radio show. Seniors will lead a weekly radio program directed at seniors' topics in the Haliburton area, helping to raise awareness of seniors' issues.

- Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton (SIRCH) - funding in the amount of \$25,000 for Memories for Life. Seniors involved with SIRCH Community Services and Consulting will

assist those with Alzheimer's disease to document their past through the creation of memory books and DVDs.

"The government of Canada is proud to support seniors in strengthening our communities and building our country," said Devolin. "These projects will encourage seniors in my riding to continue sharing their skills, wisdom and experience to benefit others."

"The staff and volunteers of each of the successful applicants should be commended for their hard work in the communities they serve as this area is a better place because of them," stated Devolin. "These projects help reduce the risk of so-

cial isolation among older adults by promoting their ongoing involvement in the community."

NHSP provides grants to support a range of community-based projects across Canada that encourage seniors to contribute to their communities through social participation and active living. Projects support broad national objectives and regional priorities.

For more information on the government of Canada's NHSP, visit their website at www.hrsdc.gc.ca.

*Submitted by the office of
Barry Devolin*

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Audition dates: Saturday, January 23 & Sunday, January 24
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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

County experiences increase in demand for food banks

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

It comes as no surprise that with an economic recession many residents of both Haliburton and Minden are feeling the sting. This past Christmas was no exception as food banks in both counties experienced an increase in demand.

Rose Barry, one of the directors for the 4Cs in Haliburton, believes this year's numbers speak for themselves.

"We had more clients this year," says Barry. "We gave out 273 vouchers this year plus we had an additional 26

walk-ins."

A significant jump considering last year there were 157 vouchers and 11 walk-ins.

Barry believes this upward trend Haliburton has been experiencing has everything to do with the economic instability. But the spirit of generosity has not been lost amongst the community.

"Since last summer we've seen a jump in demand," says Barry. "The community is so great that it's just unbelievable."

Although Barry didn't see a significant jump in donations this year, the support, she says, was present nonetheless.

"I would say the majority of what we

receive is through community donations," says Barry, "and then we also have the store. We couldn't do half of what we do if it wasn't for the Lily [Ann Thrift Shop]. The patrons are good and they're in all the time."

Joanne Barnes, manager of the food bank in Minden, says it's too early to tell how this year's numbers compare to last, however, even without numbers it doesn't take an expert to see the situation is bad.

"We're up a bit from last year but I can't tell you off the top of my head what the numbers are," says Barnes. "The number of Christmas hampers was about the same as last year but we're certainly taking in

new clients every day."

According to Barnes, this trend may stick around for longer than the Christmas season.

"I think this is going to be a continuing thing for this year," she says referring to the new clients the food bank is receiving.

But like Barry in Haliburton, Barnes is not quick to get discouraged.

"Our donations are strong," says Barnes. "We have the poor and then we have a very charitable group of people that live here. So it balances out and we're still doing OK. We live in a good community."

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a) Approval of the RInC Funding Agreement

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Official Time Capsule Closing at the Minden Library on Thursday, January 14th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

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Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (Elections tab) for complete up-to-date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Jan 14	Committee of the Whole-Special Meeting 9 a.m. Council Chambers
Jan 14	Official closing of Time Capsule at the Minden Hills Library @ 2:00 p.m.
Jan 28	Council - Council Chambers 9 a.m.
March 18	Public Meeting re: Tariff of Fees and Charges
March 18	Special Council Meeting (Budget Deliberation) followed by a Public Meeting
March 25	Consideration of 2010 Budget

For a complete list of regular 2010 COTW/General Committee & Council Meeting dates visit
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The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will close on December 19 at 5pm and re-open January 5 at 10 am 2010.

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The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now accepting applications from **instructors for 2010 programming**. Instructors are invited to propose interesting and engaging youth workshops specifically for the very popular March Break week and the Centre's Culture Club in the months of July and August. Workshops can be 2.5 hours or 5 hours for ages 5 to 7 or 8 to 12. The application requires a budget listing material costs (approx. \$5-\$10 per child). The instructor's fee is \$30 per hour. The Centre is looking for workshops that address any part of its cultural elements: literature, visual arts, heritage and environment. Please send your proposals, or questions, to Laurie Carmount gallery@mindenhills.ca

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NOTICE-NEW SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE

Please be advised that work could commence the week of January 11th for the installation of the new snowmobile bridge at the Peck Street boat launch and Orde Street crossing. Anyone requiring further information may contact L. Cunliffe at 705-286-1260 ext 215.

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High school returns to sports wars

by **TERRANCE GAVAN**
Times Staff

Winter sports heats up again this week, with the full slate of Red Hawk teams heading back to their designated hardwood, mat and ice wars.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, the senior girls' volleyball team headed to Clarke high school in Newcastle. Yesterday, the undefeated (in Kawartha high school play) Red Hawks hockey team hoped on a bus for Peterborough for a game against Thomas A Stewart High School. That will be a major test as the Hawks try to keep pace with the AAA St. Peter's Saints who are now 6-0-1 (up one point on the 6-0 Hawks) for their season.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, both senior and junior boys' basketball squads are off to Cannington for a showdown against Brock High School Bulldogs.

Also on Wednesday the junior girls' volleyball is hosting a match at the Hawks' Nest. That's their first home game of the Kawartha season and game time for fans of the spike and set is slated for 2 p.m.

Both boys and girls hockey teams are on the road later in the week, headed for

separate tournaments.

The girls are hopping on a bus to South River for a tournament on Thursday, Jan. 7. The boys' Red Hawk team meanwhile, have a date in the B-Side draw of the prestigious 48-team St. Peter's Classic high school tournament in Peterborough.

The Hawks start bright and early on Friday morning at the Evinrude Arena with an 8:50 start versus the hometown Crestwood High School. They face Port Hope's Trinity College at 11 a.m. and then go up against Strathroy's Holy Cross secondary school at 3:05 p.m.

If they play well enough to place first or second in their E-Pool they will advance to play at either 8:55 a.m. or 10:05 a.m., again at the Evinrude Centre.

On Friday, Jan. 8, the mat rats get ready to rumble in Lindsay. Coach Paul Klose will be taking his wrestlers to LCVI for an all-day tourney.

Also on Friday, Jan. 8, the Hal High snowboarders will be taking to the slopes at Sir Sam's for a few runs through the slalom gates in preparation for an intense run up to Kawartha, COSSA and OFSAA snowboard finals.

The Red Hawks hockey squad plays

their next home game here at Dysart et al on Monday Jan. 11 versus Crestwood. Game time is 7:15 p.m.

On Tuesday Jan. 12, the senior girls' volleyball squad is away for a match at Fenelon Falls Secondary School. On Wednesday both boys hoop squads are in Lindsay for a return match-up against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCVI) Spartans. The senior Red Hawks absolutely stunned the Spartans with a sparkling 49-39 victory here at the Nest just prior to Christmas. The juniors lost a close three point decision (31-28) and both Red Hawks squads should be sufficiently pumped for the rematch. On the same day the junior volleyball girls travel to Brock for a showdown against the Bulldogs.

On Jan. 14 the hockey hawks travel to St. Thomas Aquinas for a 2:30 p.m. game.

The curling season roars into action on the 14th as well, with the defending COSSA champion Red Hawk curlers traveling to Fenelon Falls for a South West conference match against the Falcons.



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Newsflash

We have new email accounts:

Maria Micallef - maria@haliburtonchamber.com

Kendra Kellett - kendra@haliburtonchamber.com

Upcoming Events

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January 13, 2009 8:00 am-9:30am, \$10.00 per member

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Guest Speaker: MP Barry Devolin

RSVP to kendra@haliburtonchamber.com

Watch for the upcoming Skills Development Workshop 2010

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Restrictions along roads to limit 'sign pollution'

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the chamber's 300 members asks just that question.

Micallef said earlier this week she had not yet had a chance to review any

responses.

The changes to the bylaw mean that billboards will no longer be permitted on county road allowances and that road allowances where billboards have stood must be returned to an "acceptable state."

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**ELEANOR
HARRISON**

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Moreover, the roads departments must review the information layout and design for billboards that will stand adjacent to county roads and billboards will not be permitted in 50 km/h zones.

Also, advertisers will be granted a maximum of one sign per direction per road.

As Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who was county warden in 2008, explained, council passed the bylaw in an attempt to reduce what Harrison called "sign pollution."

Harrison said councillors were becoming concerned about the visual impairments that high numbers of signs along county roads were causing, as well as improperly placed signs, such as those nailed to trees.

"It's a fine and necessary bylaw, as far as I'm concerned," she said.

Micallef said whether the chamber moves ahead with any sort of lobbying or petitioning action will depend on the response of its members to the survey.

Micallef stressed that it is only signs along the roads owned by the county, such as county roads 21 and 503, which will be affected.

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Haliburton COUNTY news

One dies, one lives in two accidents

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Snowmobilers are being warned to stay off of lakes after a pair of accidents in the past few days claimed the life of a local resident.

Scott Hartley, age 43, was out snowmobiling on Jan. 1 when his machine went through open water on Redstone Lake sometime after 7 p.m. Hartley was pulled from the water by friends, but as the group made their way to the shore by crawling on the thin ice Hartley stood up and once again broke through the ice, disappearing beneath the surface.

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were dispatched to Redstone Lake in the area of Fisherman's Trail at approximately 10 p.m. to search for Hartley.

The Dysart fire department responded with 16 firefighters and used rescue suits, ropes and a boat during the attempted rescue. According to the fire department the ice at the scene was only about 1.5 inches thick. The underwater search and rescue unit of the OPP attended the scene on the morning of Jan. 2 and recovered the body of Mr. Hartley.

"We got the call on the first [of January] at just after 8 p.m.," says Mark McMaster of the OPP.

"They located him the following day at approximately noon. We had two officers that attended the scene on the first, and then on the following day there would have been two officers and the four divers. What most likely occurred was that one of the divers went into the water while the other three stayed on the ice."



An emergency worker and a snowmobiler in the boat are towed to shore Dec. 31. The snowmobiler lived through this experience, while another died in a separate accident the next day. Photo by Andrea Adams.

Hartley's death follows in the wake of a similar incident, which occurred on Dec. 31 on Drag Lake. A 20-year-old man was snowmobiling across the lake when he went through the ice at approximately noon. He was taken to Haliburton hospital suffering from hypothermia.

He had been driving his snowmobile down the lake when it broke through the thin ice. The man, who was the lone occupant on the sled, managed to get up onto the ice and called for assistance using a whistle.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said the fire department got the call at 11:49 a.m. and responded with 12

firefighters.

"We had to do it safely and try to get out there without putting one of our fellas at risk," says Maughan. "We commandeered a boat from the shore and went out and picked him up."

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment and EMS personnel also attended the scene. Fire and rescue officials from the municipality are urging residents to take extra caution when traveling on the lakes as ice thickness and quality vary greatly throughout the county.

Storm off to International Silver Stick tourney

by KARENA CROFTS
Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE

This Sunday, Jan. 3, saw the team get together for our first games since Christmas. These two games were rescheduled for a second time because the Highland Storm Atom AEs will be travelling to Niagara Falls this Wednesday, Jan. 6 to participate in the International Silver Stick for which they are division champions.

The boys played two games back to back against Huntsville in Baysville. In the first game, the team showed they had not played for a while, but managed to come up with a 3-2 win. Goals being scored by Jack Dobie, Owen Smith and Greg Crofts. Assists by Jacob Haedicke, Jake Bull and Greg Crofts. In the second game, the boys seemed to have found their hockey legs and smarts to pull out a 9-4 win, another shut-out for goalie Anthony Bertucca with goals by Owen Smith, Greg Crofts and Alex Wilbee. Assists by Jake Bull, Greg Crofts and Trevor Turner. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Banish your February blues

YWCA holds musical fundraiser at Pinestone Feb. 13

The YWCA Women's Centre and HERS is thrilled to announce a wonderful evening of wonderful food, fabulous art and fantastic music in support of the women of Haliburton County.

Canada's fabulous Blues duo Rick Fines and Suzie Vinnick will team up on stage in support of the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton and Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace (HERS) on Feb. 13 at Pinestone.

On Feb. 13 – just in time for Valentine's Day – YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton will host the Banish Your February Blues event, featuring a sumptuous buffet dinner, a silent auction, a live auction of "altered art" and then a fabulous exclusive concert appearance by Rick Fines and Suzie Vinnick – www.rickandsuzie.com. Rick and Suzie just released a new album together earlier this year, and this dynamic duo will light up the stage with their sizzling blues licks and their sensational lyrics.

The "altered art" component of the evening will feature a live auction of art created specifically for this event by local artists who will alter an image to help alter the life of a woman in Haliburton. The artists have each been given the same photograph taken by Haliburton-based photographer Barbara Koch, and they will create a piece of art in response to that photograph in their own medium. The resulting art will be auctioned during a live auction segment of this event.

Don't miss this exceptional fundraising event for the YWCA. It's a sweetheart of a deal, just in time for Valentine's Day. Tickets are just \$50 and they are available by contacting the YWCA Haliburton Women's Centre at 705-286-1942.

For more information, please contact Laura Redman, YWCA Volunteer & Event Coordinator, 286-1942, ext. 14, iredmanywcahal@bellnet.ca or www.ywcapeterborough.org

Staffer's opinions don't reflect the party, Devolin says

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him that he decided to post the audio online, and send a transcription of the half-

hour debate between the two men to local media.

In the conversation, Taylor denies the science of global warming, claims the talks in Copenhagen are a grand scheme

to raise money for Al Gore, and calls the United Nations "corrupt," "communist" and "socialist."

"Copenhagen is just a transfer of funds from rich nations to poor nations. And who makes the money but Al Gore by selling cap-and-trade tax credits," Taylor says in the transcript.

He said that the talks were "the raping of governments and taking over power by these unelected officials in Copenhagen."

At one point, Smith claims Canada has committed a criminal act under international law by ignoring Kyoto Accord emission targets.

Taylor responds: "Criminal to who? To the UN body, who is a bunch of corrupt communist socialists who are trying to take your money."

Since releasing the audio of the discussion, Smith has received an apology from Devolin, who said Taylor was speaking for himself only and should never have engaged in such a discussion in the first place.

Devolin repeated these sentiments in an interview with the *Times* Thursday.

"It's clear that what he said was not my view and I think in any organization ... people that work there don't necessarily share the view of the boss or the company, but it's not appropriate to share that with people who call in," he said.

Devolin said Taylor was usually a mild-mannered employee who has been with the office for more than five years. He said Taylor felt badly about the incident

and that nothing like that would happen again.

"And like I said, Peter, he feels awful about how all of this has unfolded and I hope and trust that this won't happen again," Devolin said.

When contacted by the *Times* Thursday, Taylor claimed to have no knowledge of the recording made by Smith, though he remembered the conversation they had.

"No, he never told me he was recording," Taylor said in an interview with the *Times*.

When asked if he usually talked to constituents about party policy, he replied: "No, it would not be [part of my job to talk about policy]. He [Smith] specifically asked for me. I remember that particular conversation ... I think I specifically said that I was not speaking on Barry's behalf."

Smith says Taylor's opinions shed light on some of the thinking from within the Conservative party and while Devolin may not share those views, exposing them publicly can motivate the party to educate itself on climate issues, he said.

"I hope that Mr. Devolin and other members of the Conservative party who have a presence in parliament, for the sake of their own reputation, will strive to distance themselves from their own cohort and secondly to distribute literature and invite knowledgeable speakers to address their assemblies and their party members in order to raise their consciousness," he said.

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Minden wraps up sesquicentennial

New Year's Eve in Minden was rocking again this past Thursday as many Mindenites came out to enjoy the year-end festivities. Downtown restaurants were full of revellers, providing pre-party formal dinners. The indoor rink was lit up with disco lights and the great skating to MOOSE FM's top 100 year-end countdown. Outside, the wagon rides were busy taking families (and sometimes pets!) for a winter ride through Stouffville. Minden's firefighters did a great job with the fireworks show at 9 p.m.

The torch-walk left the Village Green about 7:30 p.m. and about 30 people joined in. According to restaurant owner Shawn Chamberlin, the walk really attracted the attention of his patrons as it went by the Grill on the Gull. Although the torches did their best, the Christmas tree bonfire was slow to start but once it was going it really looked good. Families were tobogganing and scooting around on the outdoor rink behind the arena until the fireworks started, with more than 150 people in attendance.

Upstairs at the arena, the Rabid Dogs took the stage shortly after the fireworks ended and rocked the joint, keeping the great crowd dancing until well after 1 a.m. During the evening the Spoil Me Lottery and elimination draw grand prize winner was picked. The holder of the last ticket drawn (#011) is Siân Cox who wins a trip for two to Minden, Germany.

Sesquicentennial committee member Lynda Litwin was very pleased with the evening's success. "When you share the list of events that happen on New Year's Eve in our small community with people they cannot believe what we pull off here," said Litwin. Councillor Peter Oyler, who was responsible for managing the elimination draw, commented that the event was "definitely one of the key events to be looked at for 2010 year end. I had folks from both Haliburton and the USA thank us for the event and said that they hoped to return next year."

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Minden's New Year's Eve celebrations started with a huge bonfire of Christmas trees. /Photo by Rick Cox

Throughout 2009, the sesquicentennial committee has been working to help celebrate Minden's 150th anniversary. Committee co-chairs Jeanne Anthon and Jack Brezina were very pleased with the way things worked out. "Congratulations all round for a successful New Year's Eve and a great year of celebration for our community of Minden. While everyone made a major contribution throughout the year, we would be remiss if we didn't thank Lynda Litwin and Molly McInerney for their hard work, interest and efforts at keeping us all on track. We are particularly pleased to see Lynda pick up the Minden promoters piece and continue to keep our community and its events in the forefront."

Organizers would like to thank all of the donors and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Submitted by Rick Cox



Dancing queens

Hyland Crest dances up a storm at their Christmas party. /Photos submitted



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Red Hawk curling alums dominate junior scene

by **TERRANCE GAVAN**
Times Staff

Former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curler Jake Walker is chucking granite out of a different club these days, but he's still hurrying hard through the maddening crowds as Ontario provincial junior men's curling wars roar into a very busy part of the season.

Red Hawk Walker (HHSS class of 2008) has suddenly emerged as "Red Hot Walker" skipping his Westmount Golf and Country Club (Kitchener) foursome to a 4-0 record and the TCA crown in the Toronto Curling Association's annual year end spiel held last week (Dec. 29-30).

Walker and his team earned an all-expense-paid trip to the 2010 Winter Olympics and some tickets to the Olympic curling event with the win.

Another former Red Hawk curler, Edward Cyr (HHSS class of 2007), was the vice (third) on Team (Mat) Camm out of the Navan Curling Club, and they were second event winners, posting a 4-1 record in the TCA bonspiel. Cyr and his team took home \$600 for their efforts.

Meanwhile last year's Kawartha and COSSA champion, Curtis Nichol, who curled third on the Red Hawk team that took bronze in the Ontario high school provincials, helped pilot Team Minty out of the Peterborough Curling Club to the third event victory and a \$480 payout in the TCA.

Connor Duhaime (class of 2009 and skip of last year's Red Hawk OFSAA bronze medal winners) skipped his own rink from the Peterborough Curling Club, but he fell

early to Team Walker and then to Camm and failed to advance in the double knockout spiel.

Owen Duhaime (who is curling this season for the Red Hawks) is the lead for Team Lindsay out of the St. George's Golf and Country Club, and his team won the TCA Bantam Boys' bonspiel with four straight wins.

As this article was going to press Duhaime, Walker and Cyr were all getting ready to step on the ice for the second to last day of play at the prestigious Ontario Junior championships being held this year at the Teeswater Curling Club (Jan. 2-6).

Both the Walker and Camm rinks were undefeated at 5-0 as teams headed into draw six action yesterday afternoon at the Teeswater club.

Walker and Duhaime butted heads in the 1 p.m. draw on Tuesday afternoon, and Duhaime at 1-4 has unfortunately been shuffled into a spoiler's role in the provincial junior spiel.

Former Hawks Cyr (Team Camm) and Walker will be pounding brooms and knockin' heads in the final round robin match-up - held yesterday (Jan. 5) at 9 p.m.

The semi-finals (2 versus 3) will go today and the round robin winner will play the winner of that match today as well.

Winner advances to represent Ontario in the Canadian junior men's championship.

(Compiled with input from Tom Dibblee, HHSS curling coach. Sports tip? twitter.com/terrancegavan or tgavan@haliburtonecho.ca)



Whitby, just a stone's throw

Skip Rob Lobel from Whitby delivers a stone during regional qualifying for the Ontario Tankard at Minden Curling Club on Saturday, Jan. 2. Lobel and his Whitby foursome captured the A-Side crown in the two-day bonspiel.

/More photos of the bonspiel by Terrance Gavan on our website: www.mindentimes.ca.

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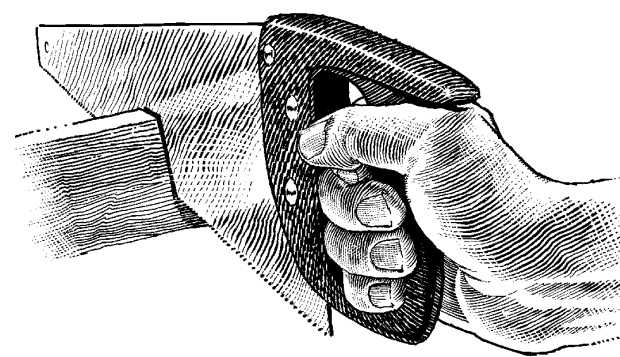
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Capsule captures Minden memories for future

by **GEORGE FARRELL**
Special to the Times

As a fitting and poignant end to the year-long Minden sesquicentennial celebrations, the Minden Library committee has decided to insert a time capsule into the walls of the new Minden library. The heavy metal container will be sealed and placed in a wall of the library. The location will be identified by a commemorative plaque, designed by Dave Millington.

The Minden Library committee is appealing to the community to come up with unique memorabilia to include in the capsule. Currently, among the material collected is a scarf made from the Haliburton tartan, a Minden mug, commemorative Minden museum coins and stamps,

class pictures of kids from Archie Stouffer, newspaper articles, a group photo of Minden Hills council, paraphernalia from the four service clubs and a digital video of Haliburton County.

The capsule will not be sealed until 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 14, which gives people time to come up with new suggestions. Final choices as to what is included will be up to members of the library committee.

"In 2034, 25 years from now, the capsule will be opened," stated Jim Malcolmson. "A lot of people from today will still be alive then, and they can decide whether to keep the material or add to it, and bury it again."

For more information contact Jim Malcolmson at 705-489-1759.



Minden Library committee members Klara Oyler, Jim Malcolmson, Elly Malcolmson, and some of the memorabilia which will be included in the time capsule. /Photo by George Farrell

Family literacy day will be celebrated at Kinmount library



AROUND THE TOWN

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Like the late autumn mice at the old farmhouse more technology is creeping in. Now we have become a Wii family. Along the Galway Road our neighbours who exercise regularly found that winter's wild weather limited their daily walking program and so have taken up bowling via Wii. This seemed a novel idea and in line with our perpetual New Year's resolution to become more active. Using the handheld controller, however, takes a lot of practice and we still have a long way to go before issuing any neighbourhood challenges. Bruce, who back in 1956 had been scouted by the then Milwaukee Brave, got a particular chuckle out of the baseball game included in the four-part-sports package. The animation is clever with two teams of multicultural, egg-shaped players (cleverly called Miis) bouncing about on the ball field like "weebles" without legs and then magically sprouting lower extremities when standing in the batter's box. Golf

and tennis complete the set but to date there have been no Tiger Woods sightings.

Family Literacy Day, established to encourage families to read and learn together, will be celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Starting this month two new programs in keeping with the spirit of this special day are being offered at the Kinmount Public Library. A junior book club for school-aged students begins this Wednesday, Jan. 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. and on Thursday, Jan. 7 a Six Basic Skills for Reading Preschool Programs will begin at 11 a.m. with a new skill presented each month through June. For more details call the library at 488-3199. Open hours at the branch are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3 to 8 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For a real country experience the Pearson family's annual community sleigh ride will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16 beginning at noon on Galway Road eight kilometres in from County Road 121. Of course the highlight is the horse-drawn sleigh rides but a down home lunch around the bonfire is always welcome. Cost is minimal with this year's proceeds being donated to the Windows to the Past Campaign part of the restoration of the historic Austin Sawmill project, which is progressing well. Our now

adult children still warmly recall this magical event.

Sensei Dave Loughheed will be teaching a one day self defence course for adults on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. The cost is \$15 and Dave is kindly donating the proceeds to the publishing fund for the *Kinmount Gazette*. Pre-registration by calling 488-3177 would be appreciated.

For all you Scots out there (and those who wish they were) Robbie Burns Night is coming up on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Burnt River Community Centre with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a program of Scottish entertainment. This event is licensed under the AGCO. Tickets are \$17.50 and should be purchased in advance by calling June at 454-1653/8045.

Looking out at all the snow puts one in the mood for winter activities. Mark your calendars now for the annual Kinmount Winterfest this year on Saturday, Feb. 13. There will be indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family with sleigh rides, a bonfire, tobogganing, skating, games and much more. Until next week ...

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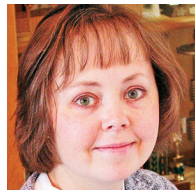
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DORSET NEWS

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Happy New Year everyone! If you're like me, I'll bet that you are thinking of starting off the New Year with lots of plans to be healthier and more active. And we are very lucky in Dorset to have a top-notch fitness facility right in the midst of our little village.

I would encourage you to stop in at the Dorset Recreation Centre to see what they have to offer. User fees are extremely reasonable and there are several options for everyone.

One piece of equipment that is great to use is the state of the art Concept 2 rowing machine. This piece of equipment is great for young and old. Users can row as hard or as easy as they like. The harder the rower pulls, the more resistance and the harder the workout will be. Concept 2 is proud to promote the fact that the machine will provide benefits to everyone from cardiac rehab patients to Olympic athletes. There is no danger of being forced to pull too hard.

The fitness room also boasts free and stationary weights,

a stair stepper, a Life Cycle, and two treadmills (one manual and one electric). Also at the Recreation Centre are opportunities for yoga classes, tai chi classes, and use of the gym for basketball, floor hockey, badminton and volleyball. For more information, give the Recreation Centre a call at 766-9968.

If you would prefer outdoor activities but don't want to invest in expensive equipment, you should check out the township of Algonquin Highlands trails department, which is offering lots of winter related activities. They will be renting cross-country ski and snowshoe equipment from their office located at 20130 Hwy. 35 on Lake St. Nora (beside the Frost Centre). For more information, you can call 766-9033 or have a look at their page on the website: www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

The MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Barry Devolin will be hosting a passport clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call for more information as important documents are required. They will not be accepting cash and passports will take a few weeks to be processed. To find out more, give the Recreation Centre a call at 766-9968.

On Jan. 13 join Marlene from Big Bead at the Recreation Centre for a bead class at 7 p.m. The class will teach participants how to make a beaded bead. This is a great way to use up those little bits and bobs of leftover beads from other projects. Marlene will also have a selection for purchase if you don't have any beads. Come and bead happy! Call 766-9968 for more information.

Coming up on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Recreation Centre is a felting class. Participants will end up with a beautiful work of art in felt at the end of the class. The class is \$20 per person and all materials are included. For more information and to register, please call 766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of Jan. 3 to 9 go out to Mary Fitzgibbon (Happy 95th on Jan. 5!), Jordan Wilson, Ethan MacKay and Alex Jordan. Have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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Rising tide of dementia projected to cost Canadians \$872 billion over next 30 years warns new Alzheimer Society report

A new report released by the Alzheimer Society to mark Alzheimer Awareness Month reveals alarming new data about the projected economic and social costs of dementia in Canada. According to *Rising Tide: The Impact of Dementia on Canadian Society*, if current demographic trends continue, the prevalence of dementia will more than double in 30 years, with the costs increasing tenfold.

The report suggests that by 2038, someone in Canada will develop dementia every two minutes, up from one every five minutes. That means the associated health care costs will soar to \$153 billion a year from the current \$15 billion a year, and the total cumulative costs will skyrocket to \$872 billion over the next 30 years.

In Ontario during the same time period, the number of individuals living with dementia will reach 395,540, and the number of new annual cases will triple to 98,620.

Families and individuals are at the heart of the report, because of the progressive nature of the dementia and the escalating numbers of people,

Rising Tide underscores the need for more services. "We've already seen an increase of two full-time staff positions over the past two years," says Lisa Morasse, public education coordinator of the Kawartha Lakes chapter. "When we are able to give families the right tools and education, they are better equipped to manage the disease and live fulfilled lives beyond diagnosis."

The *Rising Tide* report also identifies four possible solutions that could minimize the economic fallout of the disease. For example, figuring out how to postpone the onset of dementia by just two years would save the healthcare system \$219 billion over the 30-year period. More than ever, research is vital to further understanding the disease and finding better diagnostic methods.

"These new findings are a great opportunity to put into

place a national dementia strategy," adds David Harvey, Ontario spokesperson for the Rising Tide project. "Investing more in research to improve early diagnosis, prevention and treatments and investing more in the training of frontline workers is a first good step towards stemming the tide and offering families real hope."

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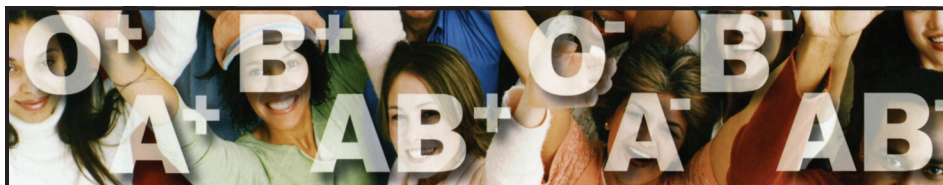


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To avoid ice risks, the OFSC recommends that snowmobilers ride open, land-based, OFSC trails whenever possible. OFSC clubs provide many trails that avoid water crossings altogether and also provide many bridges and culverts to pass over known water safely.

If you do make the personal choice to travel on ice by snowmobile, wait until a marked stake line is in place and cross only when you can follow it from shore to shore, without stopping on the ice. While ice crossing is never a sure thing, snowmobilers can also reduce their risk by:

- Never travelling on ice because "they"

say it is safe.

- Understanding that ice conditions may vary from day to day, from hour to hour and from place to place.

- Checking ice thickness before riding onto any frozen water. At least 15 centimetres (six inches) of clear, hard ice is needed to support one snowmobile.

- Never travelling on ice alone, at night or after consuming alcohol.

- Avoiding slushy ice, untracked ice, or ice near moving water.

- Staying off ice early or late in the season or after any sudden and pronounced melt, thaw or rain.

- Wearing a buoyant snowmobile suit and carrying ice picks.

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The OFSC is committed to proactive leadership in promoting safe, responsible riding, on and off Ontario snowmobile trails, by building safer snowmobiling knowledge, attitudes and behaviours through rider education, safety legislation development and enforcement.

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community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• January 7 to 16: The Taoist Tai Chi Society (TM) is holding Open Houses in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of a new classes - Taoist Tai Chi(TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148 or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca

• January 9: Wilberforce Agricultural Society would like to Invite You to Our Annual General Meeting - Join us at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre at 7:30 pm. Come and learn about the workings of the Wilberforce Fair. Everyone Welcome!

• January 12: Haliburton Farmers' Market Association Annual General Meeting - will be held at 7:00 pm at the Great Hall of Fleming College in Haliburton. All are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Smith at 286-1940 or robtks@sympatico.ca

• January 21: The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce - Join us at 7:00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments.

• February 13: Dorset Poker Rally - All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 - Pledge sheets available on line (www.tallpines.org) and (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is \$2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.

Good News Club - Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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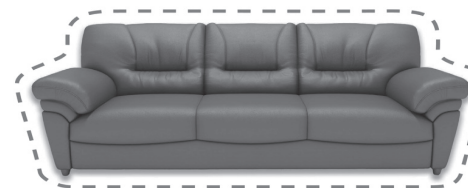
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AMYOTTE, Norma May (Kinette Club life member) - Passed away surrounded by her loving family at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday, December 30, 2009. Norma, at the age of 71 was the beloved wife of Larry for 45 years. Treasured mom of Michael and his wife Brenda, Leigh-Ann Amyotte, and Patty and her husband Tim Slater. Loving Nanny of Christopher, Connor, Jessie, Ethan, and Zachary. Fondly remembered by her seven brothers and sisters and their families. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was at the **MACKEY FUNERAL HOME**, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay (705-328-2721) on Tuesday, January 5th from 12:00 p.m. until the time of celebration of life service in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society of SickKids Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.mackeys.ca

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Deaths

BROWN, Dorothy Elizabeth "Betty" (nee McGill) - Passed away peacefully, at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Grimsby, on Friday, December 25, 2009, with her family by her side. Devoted wife of 54 years to George. Loving and selfless mother of Barry of Kenora and Brenda Callaghan (Ron) of Minden. Proud and doting grandmother of Colin and Michael Callaghan. Betty was daughter of the late Clarence and Margaret McGill and sister of Charlie McGill, Frances Page, Shirley Lefebvre and the late Margaret, Jim, Hubert, John, Colin and Bill. Betty and her brothers John and Bill were the first triplets born in Northern Ontario in 1926. Betty was the foster child of the late Bert and Vivian Langdon of Cochrane and is the foster sister of Jim Langdon and Diane Craig. Dear friend of Naomi Barlow (nee Hornick) and sister-in-law of Loretta Gievaert and the late Alex Barna. According to Betty's wishes, cremation and a private family service have taken place. If desired, memorial contributions to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, 167 Main Street East, Grimsby, L3M 9Z9, would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **STONEHOUSE-WHITCOMB FUNERAL HOME**, Grimsby, 904-945-2755. www.smithsfh.com

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WALKER, Lionel - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital, on Friday, January 1, 2010, in his 69th year. Dearly beloved husband of Mary Jane Irwin. Loving father to Corey (Nancy), Sandi, Christa and predeceased by Darren. Beloved son of Elsie and the late Lloyd Walker. Grandfather to Nick, Jake, Jessie, Liam and great grandfather to Keiran. Dear brother of Carol McKelvey (Ron), June Csicsmics, Brian Walker and Kim Walker (deceased). Lionel will be missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Thursday, January 7, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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Betsie (Barbara) Kanters

(nee Van Den Oetelaar)
(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)



Peacefully, on Monday December 21, 2009 in her 81st year with her family by her side. Devoted wife of John Van Den Hoogen and Peter Kanters (both predeceased). Beloved mother of Frank (Deborah, predeceased), Louise (Marlene), Nicole (Don). Cherished Oma of Dawn (predeceased), Kevin, Ryan & Adam. Dear sister of Petra, Trudy, Tina, Ferdy, Henry, Louie and predeceased by John, Rien, Mien, Bill and Ferdinand. She will be missed by her extended family, and many nieces and nephews in Canada, USA, Holland, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday December 27, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9. Then to **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, Ontario on Monday morning, December 28, 2009 for Funeral Mass at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to SIRCH or ALS Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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Leon Mailman

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday evening, January 3, 2010 in his 75th year. Dear brother of Barbara Selig of Deep Brook, Nova Scotia, and Joy Peck of Bear River, Nova Scotia. Predeceased by his brothers Eugene, Shirley and Fred. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held at the Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham in the Spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Eleanor Peel (Resident of Bancroft, Ontario)



Rita, Rose-Marie and Isabelle. Predeceased by her son David Hitch, and her brothers Clifford and Orville.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends were invited to a Memorial Service at the HIGHLAND GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE 5373 Loop Road, Highland Grove, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2009 at 1 o'clock. Interment later Deer Lake Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Hospice North Hastings Bancroft would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Those we love remain with us
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And cherished memories never fade
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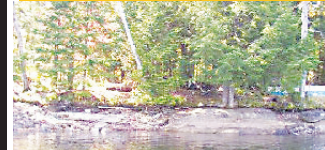
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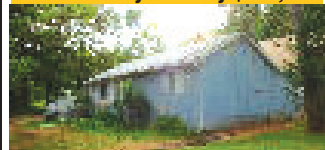
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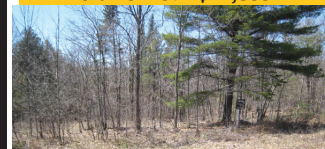
Kushog Lake \$219,000



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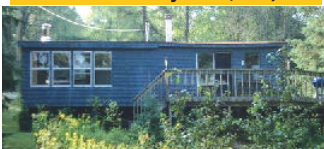
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Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

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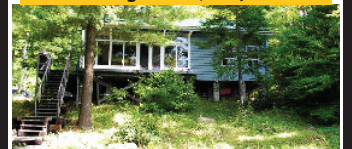
Sir Sam's Area \$57,500



Located on the west slopes of Sir Sam's Ski Hill this lot features a deeded ski in, ski out privilege & life time family ski membership. Beach & Spa mere minutes away.

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Kushog Lake \$349,000



Charming 3 BR cottage on well treed lot with 190' of water ftg with good docking for all the toys. 14 miles of boating, great fishing lake and clean sand shoreline.

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